



St. John's Episcopal Church

A place to discover connections with God and one another

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Third Sunday after Epiphany

CHORAL EVENSONG

January 26, 2020

5:00 p.m.

WELCOME

You have wisely chosen to spend your Sunday evening with us, participating in one of the most beautiful ancient customs of Anglican Worship – Choral Evensong. What you are about to experience is a powerful connection between your earthly life and the divine. Although the formal version of this service was established in 1549, the prayers contained therein harken back even further into antiquity.

Your role as a participant is simply to be in a quiet space, allow the prayers of the clergy and choir to enter your soul, and sing and recite the portions indicated, as you feel comfortable. Together, we offer this worship to the glory of God alone, that it might make the day we have just shared holy and perfect, and prepare us for the week ahead.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Please turn off your portable devices upon arrival, and observe silence.

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

Praeludium

Zolán Kodály (1882-1967)

The people stand (as they are able) as the procession enters the Nave.

OPENING SENTENCE

Philippians 1:2

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRECES

Philip Radcliffe (1905-1986)

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Cantor O God, make speed to save us.
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord.
Choir The Lord's name be praised.

The people are seated.

PSALM 27:1, 5–13 *Dominus illuminatio*

Chant by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
 the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; *
 that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
 and to seek him in his temple.
 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
 he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
 Even now he lifts up my head *
 above my enemies round about me.
 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
 I will sing and make music to the Lord.
 Harken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
 have mercy on me and answer me.
 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
 Your face, Lord, will I seek.
 Hide not your face from me, *
 nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
 You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
 do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

The people stand.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be,
 world without end. Amen.

The people are seated.

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MAGNIFICAT in E

Herbert Murrill (1909-1952)

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
 and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
 For he hath regarded
 the lowliness of his handmaiden.
 For behold from henceforth,
 all generations shall call me blessed.
 For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
 and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him
 throughout all generations.
 He hath showed strength with his arm;
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
 and hath exalted the humble and meek.
 He hath filled the hungry with good things,
 and the rich he hath sent empty away.
 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
 as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

The people stand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be,
 world without end. Amen.

The people are seated.

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NUNC DIMITTIS in E

Herbert Murrill

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
 according to thy word;
 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation
 which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
 and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

The people stand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be,
 world without end. Amen.

The people chant on a monotone:

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
 From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Philip Radcliffe

Cantor The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.
Cantor Let us pray.

The people kneel or remain standing.

Cantor Lord, have mercy upon us.
Choir Christ, have mercy upon us.
Cantor Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir Our Father, which art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 in earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive them that trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Cantor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the State.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS *“Amen” is sung by the Choir.*

Of the day

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

For Church Musicians and Artists

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with thy servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by thy people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of thy beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled forevermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For Peace

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior.

The people are seated.

A GREETING

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton, *Rector*

ANTHEM

Salvation

Michelle Horsley (b. 1990)

Salvation!
 Salvation is come!
 Sing gloria!
 Sing Gloria Deo!
 For the girl who carried God's own.
 Salvation!

The people stand and say together:

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

DISMISSAL



Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

The people sing, together with the choir:

HYMN 653

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

REPTON

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Carillon

Herbert Murrill

*The people may be seated once the procession has exited the Nave.
 Please remain quiet out of respect for those who wish to listen to the Voluntary.*

Participants

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton, *Officiant*
John Nowacki, *Crucifer and Layreader*
Thomas Oberholtzer, *Cantor*
Jack Merrill, *Choirmaster*
Scott Lamlein, *Organist*

The Choirs of Trinity Church, Hartford

The Choir School of Hartford
Eliaz Bruno, Adrian Dilone, Tamaya Farrell, Daniel Herrera, Austin Mogor,
Kodi Jane Mogor (*prefect and organ scholar*), Krista Mogor, Olivia Mogor,
ChiChi Onoh, Dinaka Onoh (*head chorister*), Sophie Reilly,
Margaret Rousseau (*prefect*), Celine Stephens,
Adalia Sterling, Max Velasquez

Soprano

Susan Post, Kate Smith, Pekah Wallace

Alto

Sarah Fox, Anne Green, Linda MacGougan,
Allison McClain Merrill, Kathie Wilson

Tenor

Joel Drake, Chandler Riker, Bram Wayman

Bass

Todd Gardner, Peter Green, Fred Margeson,
Thomas Oberhotzer, Everett Post, Casey Rousseau

Evensong

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Choirs of Trinity Church, Hartford

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